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# AN ACT

By His

# ROYAL HIGHNESS,

*His* Majesties *High Commissioner, and Lords of Privy Council, Establishing the Order of the Ryding, &c. at the Opening of the ensuing Parliament; and several Circumstances relating thereto, conform to the ancient practice of the Kingdom of* Scotland, *appointed to be Recorded in the Books of Privy Council, and the Lyons Books, at* Edinburgh, July 25. 1681.

I. HIs *Majesties* High Commissioner, and Lords of Privy Council ordain, the Magistrats of *Edinburgh*, to cause make a Lane of their Citizens, in Arms, and best order, from the Lady-steps to the Nether-bow, ( His *Majesties* Foot-guards, making the Lane from the Nether-bow to the *Palace.* )

II. The saids Magistrates are appointed to order, that there be no shooting, nor any displaying of Ensigns, nor beating of Drums; during the *Cavalcade*, nor any Coaches to be seen within the Ports of *Edinburgh*, till the whole Solemnity be over, under all highest pains. The saids Magistrates are to cause make and place two Banks of Timber within the *Abbay-Close* for mounting on Horse-back, and two at the *Lady steps*, for Mounting upon Horse-back and Dismounting.

III. The Constable and Marischal Guards of Partizans, are to make a Lane from the Lady-steps, these of the Constables without, and these of the Marischals within the House, allowing the Constable six of his Guard within Doors, conform to the former practice.

IV. Every Member of Parliament must Ride, and the absents incur fyning, conform to the Act of Parliament, 1662.

V. Where there be double Elections of Commissioners, neither are to Ride.

VI. The Nobility are to Ride in their Robes, and with Foot-mantles.

VII. The Officers of State who are not Noblemen, and who have Gowns, peculiar to their Office, are to Ride in these Gowns.

VIII. The whole Members are to Ride Covered, excepting these who carry the Honours.

IX. The Lyon, Heraulds, Pursevants and Trumpets, Ride immediatly before the Honours; the Lyon in his Coat and Robe, Chain and Batton alone, and immediatly before the Sword; the rest with their Coats and Foot-mantles, bare-headed in their accustomed order.

X. The two Macers of Council, and four Macers of Session, Ride on each side of the Honours, bare-headed, with Foot-mantles; the two Macers of Council attending the Crown, and the four Macers of Session, the Scepter and Sword.

XI. The Higher Degree, and moſt Honourable of that Degree, is to Ride always laſt.

XII. Every Duke is to have eight Lackeys, every Marqueſs ſix, every Earl four, every Viſcount three, every Lord three, every Commiſsioner for a Shire two, and every Commiſsioner from Burghs one; and every Nobleman is to have a Gentleman, bare-headed, to walk by him, and to bear up his Train, and theſe Gentlemen are, at their Entry to the Houſe, to ſtand without the Bar.

XIII. The Arch-Biſhops and Biſhops are to Ride in their Gowns and Tippets with their Foot-mantles, and the Arch-Biſhops may have eight Lackeys, and Biſhops three, and each of them is to have a Gentleman bare-headed to walk by him, and to bear up his Train.

XIV. The Noblemens Lackeys may have over their Liveries, Velvet Coats with their Badges, *i. e.* their Creiſts and Motto's done on Plate, or Embroidered upon the Back and Breaſt, conform to ancient Cuſtom; or their ordinar Liveries.

XV. The Conſtable and Mariſchal, are in the morning to wait on His *Majeſties* High Commiſſioner at the *Palace*, and to receive his Orders, and from thence, returning privatly; the Conſtable is to come out of his Lodging on Foot, and having viewed the Rooms under and above the *Parliament-houſe*, puts on his Robes, and having his Batton in his hand, ſets himſelf in a Chair at the Entry of the Cloſs, at the Lady-ſteps, by the outmoſt of his Guards, from which he is to riſe and Salute the Members as they light from their Horſes, and to reccommend them to the Gentlemen of his Guard, to be conducted to the Mariſchal Guards.

XVI. The *M*ariſchal is alſo to attend in his Robes, being ſet in a Chair at the head of his Guards, and to receive the *M*embers (having his Batton in his hand) as they enter the Door.

XVII. The Officers of State who are Noblemen, ſo many of them as are in the Kingdom, are to Ride up from the *Abbey* in their Robes, about half an hour before the *Cavalcade*, and to wait in the *Parliament-houſe*, until the High Commiſſioner come. And when an ordinary Subject is Commiſsioner, the High Chancellor is to take his own Purſe in his hand, and to Uſher him betwixt the Bar and the Throne. But when His *Royal Highneſs*, or any lawful Brother or Son of the King is Commiſsioner, he is to Uſher them from the Door it ſelf and back.

XVIII. The whole Members of Parliament are to wait upon His *Majeſties* High Commiſsioner in the Guard-Hall, the Nobility being in their Robes, and the Servants and Horſes are to attend in the outter Cloſs.

XIX. The Lyon King at Arms in his Coats, Robe, Chain and Batton (to whoſe charge the order of the Ryding is committed) with ſix Heraulds, ſix Purſevants, and ſix Trumpets, in their Coats, attend likewiſe.

XX. How ſoon His *Majeſties* High Commiſsioner is ready, the Lord Regiſter (or ſuch as he ſhall appoint) and Lyon ſtanding together, each of them having a Roll in his hand, and the Rolls being read, the Lyon is to call the names of ſuch of them as are to Ride, according to their Order; and one Herauld is to cry aloud at one of the Windows, and another Herauld to ſtand at the Gate and ſee them do accordingly.

XXI. The Members are to Ride two and two, each Degree by it ſelf, at ſome diſtance, without mixing with any other Degree, ſo that if there fall to be an odd Member of one Degree, he muſt *R*ide alone.

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XXII. The Lord *Regiſter* is to make up the Rolls of Parliament, both for the riding, and Calling in the *Parliament-Houſe*, conform to the Rolls of the riding and calling at the laſt Parliament. *Anno* 1669. whereof he is to give the Lyon a juſt duplicat, except where there is juſt ground to alter the ſame; and the Members are to Ride as they are called; but if they think themſelves prejudged, they may proteſt in the ſame manner as at the Calling of the *Rolls* in the Houſe, and may afterwards as they think fit, apply themſelves to the Parliament for remedy.

XXIII. The Honours are to be carried immediatly before the high Commiſſioner, the Crown by the Marqueſs of *Douglas*; the *Scepter* next to it, by the eldeſt Earl preſent; and the *Sword* before it, by the Earle next in Order, and the Bearers are to Ride one by one bare-headed.

XXIV. The Dukes and Marqueſſes are to Ride after the high Commiſſioner, at ſome diſtance, conform to the former Cuſtom.

XXV. The Maſter of the Horſe is to *Ride* bare-headed after His *Majeſties* high Commiſsioner, but a little aſide, when the Commiſſioner is the Kings lawful *Son* or Brother.

XXVI. The Gentleman-Uſher with a White Rode in his hand, is to *Ride* aſide bare-headed near to the Commiſſioner, he before on the ſame ſide, and in the ſame manner, as the Maſter of Horſe behind, in the caſe foreſaid.

XXVII. How ſoon His *Majeſties* high Commiſſioner alights from his Horſe, the Lord Conſtable is to receive Him, and to attend Him to the Mariſchal Guards, and then both Conſtable and Mariſchal are to Convoy him bare-headed to the Throne, and are in the ſame manner to attend him in his return to Horſe.

XXVIII. When the Members alight, the Servants and Horſes are to remove, and to ſtand in the Land-Mercat, betwixt the *Toll-booth* and the *Wey-houſe*, until the High Commiſſioner be upon his return to the *Palace*.

XXIX. The return to the *Palace* is to be in the ſame manner, with theſe two alterations, *viz.* Firſt, the Conſtable and Mariſchal *Ride* on the High Commiſſioners right and left hand, with Caps of Permiſſion, the Conſtable on the right, and Mariſchal on the left. Secondly the Officers of State, who are Noble-men, are not to take Horſe until the High Commiſsioner be gone, and then are to *Ride* at ſome diſtance after the Guard.

Order of the Proceeding on Horſe-back, to be performed the firſt day of t
enſuing Parliament, by all the Members of Parliament, in Convoying H
*Majeſties* high Commiſſioner, from the *Abbay* of *Hally-rudehouſe* to the P
*liament-Houſe*, and back again to the *Palace*, the 28. day of *July* 168

*About the ſpace of half an hour before the Ryding begin, the Lord high Chancell*
*and Lord Privy-ſeal (they being only preſent of the principal Officers of Sta*
*Ride upin their Robes, the Chancellour on the right hand with Mace and P*
*before him; and the Privy-Seal on the left; and in their return to the Pa*
*they are to Ride at a diſtance, after the Guard.*

Two Trumpets, in their Coats and Banners, bare-headed,
Two Purſevants, in their Coats and Footmantles, bare-headed, } *To uſher the*
The Commiſſioners for Burghs, two and two.
The Commiſſioners for Shires, two and two.
The four Officers of State who are not Noblemen, two and two.
The Lords or Barons of Parliament, two and two.
The Biſhops, two and two.
The Viſcounts, two and two.
The Earls, two and two.
The two Arch-Biſhops.
Four Trumpets, in their Coats and Banners, bare-headed, two and two
Four Purſevants, in their Coats and Foot-Mantles, bare-headed, two and t
Six Heraulds, in their Coats and Foot-Mantles, bare-headed, two and t
The Lyon King at Arms, in his Coat, Robe, Collar, Batton and Foot-Ma
bare-headed.

*Three Macers with their Maces and Foot-Mantles, bare-headed.*

The Sword of State, born by the Earl of *Mar*, bare-headed.
The Scepter, born by the Earl of *Argile* bare-headed.
The Crown carried by the Marqueſs of *Dowglaſs*, bare-headed.

*Three Macers their Maces and Mantles, bare-h*

*The Gentleman uſher with his white Rode, aſide, bare-headed, in the caſe foreſaid.*

A Nobleman bearing the Purſe with his Commiſſion, bare-headed.

*The Maſter of Horſe, bare-headed, aſide, in the caſe foreſaid.*

His *Royal Highneſs* his *Majeſties* high Commiſſioner, attended w
his Servants, Pages and Footmen; and in the return to the
*lace*, having the high Conſtable on his right hand, and the Ma
chal on his left, with Caps of Permiſſion, and in their Ro

The Dukes and Marqueſſes attending His *Majeſties* high Commiſſioner in th
Robes.
The Captain of His *Majeſties* Guard on the head of the Troop of Guards.

Extracted by me,
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